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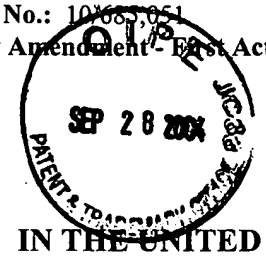


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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.115

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page **(n/a)** of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

☒ **Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.